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SUBJECT: BOURNE WORLD HUNGER REPORT

1. BOURNE MEMORANDUM WENT TO PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 28. THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION WAS TO APPROVE A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER AND TO REQUEST PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. MEMORANDUM NOT RPT NOT CLEARED BY INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED MESSAGE TO CONGRESS WILL BE CIRCULATED FOR CLEARANCE. MEMORANDUM WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED IN WASHINGTON.

2. THEMES SUGGESTED BY DR. BOURNE FOR MESSAGE ARE
(AS QUOTED FROM BOURNE MEMORANDUM):
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-- THE RIGHT TO FOOD IS THE MOST BASIC OF HUMAN RIGHTS. YOU ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE LEADERSHIP TO SEE THAT THE PROBLEM IS EVENTUALLY SOLVED. YOU INVITE THE LEADERS OF OTHER NATIONS TO JOIN YOU IN GIVING THIS ISSUE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.

-- YOU ARE AWARE THAT THIS MUST BE MORE THAN A SHORT-TERM INITIATIVE, AND YOU ARE, THEREFORE, MAKING A LONG-TERM

COMMITMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS SOME PROBLEM BECAUSE OF CYNICISM IN THE LDC'S ABOUT OUR PAST COMMITMENTS.

-- THE KEY TO SOLVING THE WORLD HUNGER PROBLEM MUST BE TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE HUNGER EXISTS. IT IS ABOVE ALL THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

-- HUNGER CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM UNDERDEVELOPMENT, POVERTY, DISEASE AND THE NEED TO STABILIZE POPULATION GROWTH.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE WORLD, BUT WILL SEEK TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT IS AT A CONSISTENT PREDICTABLE LEVEL, BASED ON NEED AND FREE FROM PAST VULNERABILITY TO TRANSIENT POLITICAL PRESSURES.

-- WE WILL SEEK TO USE OUR AID IN A WAY THAT PROVIDES INCENTIVES TO COUNTRIES THAT INSURE THAT FOOD REACHES THOSE WHO NEED IT RATHER THAN THOSE WHO CAN PAY FOR IT, THAT DEMONSTRATE THE WILL TO MAKE THE INTERNAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CHANGES NECESSARY TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND WHICH IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

-- WE WILL ALSO SEEK TO USE OUR FOOD AID AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL RESERVES IN A WAY THAT WILL MINIMIZE WILD FLUCTUATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FOOD PRICES.

-- WE WILL WORK TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO COORDINATE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO WORLD HUNGER. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES THAT ALREADY HAVE EXPERTISE TO SHARE.

3. CONTAINED IN PAPER ALSO WAS STATEMENT NOT SEEN IN PREVIOUS DRAFTS INDICATING: QUOTE SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY FAO HAVE BEEN GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE AND POORLY ADMINISTERED, SEVERELY COMPROMISING THEIR ABILITY TO BRING TO BEAR AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN A COORDINATED STRATEGY OR CAPITALIZE ON WORLD CONCERN ABOUT HUNGER. IN ADDITION, THE AMERICANS THAT WE HAVE ASSIGNED TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS

HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER. UNQUOTE.

4. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS PARAGRAPH AND WE FEEL IT WAS NOT JUDICIOUS TO SINGLE OUT FAO. HAD FINAL DRAFT BEEN CLEARED WITH DEPARTMENTS WE WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FAO BE DELETED. SHOULD FODAG BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS PARAGRAPH, YOU SHOULD INDICATE WE ARE AWARE AND SUPPORT DG'S EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE FAO. FAO SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT VIEW EXPRESSED IN PAPER DOES HOWEVER REFLECT SIGNIFICANT CONCERN AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE (120 ORGANIZATIONS, REPORTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO WORKING GROUP EFFORT) THAT UN PROGRAMS BE CAREFULLY CONCEIVED, PLANNED AND EXECUTED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AGENCIES UNCLASSIFIED

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SET QUANTIFIABLE OBJECTIVES FOR PROJECTS AND SHOW VIA OBJECTIVE EVALUATION THAT THOSE GOALS BEING REALIZED. COPY OF BOURNE MEMORANDUM POUCHED FODAG. VANCE

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